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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF THE WORK OF THE SESSION

Provisional agenda and annotations, and the organization of the work of the tenth executive session of the Board

I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda and organization of the work of the session

2. New and emerging issues on the international trade agenda

3. Other business

4. Report of the Trade and Development Board on its tenth executive session.

II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

The rules of procedure of the Board are contained in TD/B/16/Rev.4 and Corr.1.

Item 1 - Adoption of the agenda and organization of the work of the session

Agenda

In paragraph 10 of its agreed conclusions 401(XXXIX), of 26 March 1993, the Board agreed that, in accordance with paragraph 52 of the Cartagena Commitment, UNCTAD should consider within existing resources the identification and treatment of key emerging issues of trade and development, including an early warning perspective, in a rapidly changing world, and that the Board, at an executive session, should address possible approaches in this regard.

In paragraph 23 of its conclusions and decisions 415(XL) of 27 May 1994, the Board decided to address the modalities for dealing with the implications for trading opportunities of developing countries and countries in transition concerned of new and emerging issues on the international trade agenda at an executive session to be convened at the earliest possible opportunity. Item 2 is in response to that mandate.

Organization of work

The organization of work of the session is contained in section III of this document.

Documentation

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Item 2 - New and emerging issues on the international trade agenda

The Board will have before it a note prepared by the UNCTAD secretariat which discusses the origins and implications of the new issues on the international trade agenda and identifies aspects requiring further study. The issues considered are the trading system and internationally recognized labour standards; international trade and immigration policies; international trade and competition policy; international trade and investment; regionalism; the interaction between trade policies and policies relating to financial and monetary matters, including debt and

commodity markets; compensation for the erosion of preferences; international trade, development, political stability and poverty alleviation; and unilateral or extraterritorial trade measures. The note also makes proposals designed to assist the Board in devising modalities for dealing with the likely impact of these issues on the development process, and particularly on trading opportunities.

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Item 3 - Other business

Item 4 - Report of the Trade and Development Board on its tenth executive session

In accordance with past practice, the Board may wish to authorize the Rapporteur, under the authority of the President, to prepare the report of the Board on its tenth executive session.

III. ORGANIZATION OF WORK OF THE SESSION

Thursday, 4 May 1995

10.00 a.m. Plenary

Opening of the session

Item 1 Adoption of the agenda and organization of the work of the session

Item 2 New and emerging issues on the international trade agenda

Introductory statement by Officer-in-Charge of UNCTAD

General debate

followed by

Informals

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3.00 p.m. Plenary

Item 2 New and emerging issues on the international trade agenda (Conclusions)

Item 3 Other business

Item 4 Report of the Trade and Development Board on its tenth executive session

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